Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

1-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently amended) A method for improving formatting consistency within a document comprising ~~the steps of~~:

determining a formatting run within a document, wherein the formatting run ~~comprises~~ is the smallest section of text within the document having the same formatting attributes;

comparing the formatting run to a consistency rule set; ~~and~~

determining whether an inconsistency of the formatting run exists relative to ~~with~~ the consistency rule set ~~exists.~~;

in response to determining that an inconsistency exists, identifying a majority case and a minority case of inconsistencies, wherein:

a majority case is a set of formatting properties that is associated with the most formatting runs in the document having an analogous formatting property, and

a minority case is a set of formatting properties that is inconsistent with the majority case as the inconsistency is defined by the consistency rule set; and

revealing the minority case and the majority case to a user.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 17 further comprising ~~the steps of~~:

in response to revealing ~~the~~ a minority case ~~or majority case~~ to a user~~; and~~,

offering a suggested case format to the user.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~17~~ 19, further comprising the steps of:

determining whether the suggested case format is accepted by the user; and

in response to determining that the suggested case format is accepted,

reformatting the minority case to the suggested case format.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~17~~ 19, wherein the suggested case format is the majority case.

22-27. (Cancelled)